



Beginning Swiss Research

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Class Objectives:

In these presentations, you will learn about helpful resources and records types, as well as historical events, citizenship, church and civil records, websites, and printed sources.

Books and Miscellaneous

- Switzerland Genealogy Links <http://www.genealogylinks.net/europe/switzerland/index.html>
- Currency Converter <http://www.xe.net/ucc/full.shtml>
- The Full Universal Currency Converter http://www.xe.com/ucc/?utm_source=internal&utm_medium=TL&utm_content=NOGEO&utm_campaign=UCCin404TL
- Swiss Telephone Directories <http://tel.search.ch>
- Switzerland GenWeb <http://www.rootsweb.com/~chewgw>
- Swiss Family research on the net (In English, German, French or Italian) <http://www.eye.ch/swissgen/german-d.htm>
- General Swiss Information website <http://www.swissinfo.ch>
- Libweb - Directory of Libraries in Switzerland <http://www.lib-web.org/europe/germany-central-europe/switzerland/>
- Swiss Embassy website <http://www.eda.admin.ch/eda/en/home.html>
- SwissGen LDS Locality Catalogue Switzerland <http://www.eye.ch/swissgen/ldsloc-m.htm>
- Swiss Federal Archives <http://www.bar.admin.ch>
- Swiss Lineage Books FHL 949.4 D2z <https://archive.org/details/schweizerischesg01lend>
- Bibliography of Swiss Genealogies, Mario von Moos FHL 949.4 D23v
- Swiss Emigrants in the Eighteenth Century to the American Colonies <https://archive.org/stream/listswissemigrant01fausrich#page/34/mode/2up>

Correspondence

- Address Book for Germanic Genealogy, 6th ed. Ernest Thode. ISBN: 0-8063-1342-0
- Verzeichnis der Postleitzahlen. Swiss Postal codes. FHL film 1181534 item 4
- Archivum. International Directory of Archives. ISBN: 3-598-212380
- Archive und Archivare in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, Österreich und der Schweiz. 14. Ausgabe 1985-86
- https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Germany_Letter_Writing_Guide
- https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/France_Letter_Writing_Guide
- https://www.familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Italy_Letter_Writing_Guide

Encyclopedias and Dictionaries

- Historisch-Biographisches Lexikon Der Schweiz, 1934. FHL fiche 6000814, FHL film 1181541-3 https://dcms.lids.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE1045777
- Cassell's German Dictionary ISBN: 0025226509, 9780025226500
- Schweizerisches Orts-Lexikon. FHL film 1224567 Item 6

Gazetteers

- Schweizerisches Ortslexikon, Arthur Jacot, 1969
https://dcms.lids.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE1777412
- Ortsbuch der Schweiz Bern Sep.1928 FHL INTL Film 1181544 Item 2. Online version: https://dcms.lids.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE951236 part 1 and for part 2 https://dcms.lids.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE1048636
- Verzeichnis Der Kirchenbücher Des Kantons Bern 1997. ISBN: 3-908222-04-4
https://dcms.lids.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE7705277
- Geographisches Lexikon der Schweiz, 1902 FHL film 599323-26, FHL fiche 6053505.
<https://beta.familysearch.org/search/catalog/61462?availability=Family%20History%20Library> Online version, multiple volumes
- Die Ortschaften des Eidgenössischen Freistaates Bern. FHL film 1183688 item 1-2
<http://www.andrist.ch/ortschaften-be/band1/index.htm>

Handbooks and Resource Guides

- Genealogical Research in the French speaking parts of Switzerland, including Swiss Huguenot records. Olivier Clottu, 1969. FHL film 897215 item 24, FHL fiche 6039357
- Atlantic Bridge to Germany, v.4, Charles M. Hall (includes Switzerland)
- Genealogical research sources in Switzerland. C.H. Peyer. FHL film 897214 item 38, FHL fiche 6039334
- Bibliography of published Swiss Genealogies by Mario von Moos. Picton Press, Camden. ME. FHL book 949.4 D23v
- Handy guide to Swiss genealogical records, Jared Suess. 1978
https://dcms.lids.org/delivery/DeliveryManagerServlet?dps_pid=IE1289827
- https://familysearch.org/learn/wiki/en/Main_Page Swiss research guidance
- Swiss research forum <http://www.eye.ch/swissgen/forum/index.html>
- Gothic Handwriting Guide
https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/images/c/ca/German_Gothic_Handwriting_Guide.pdf
- Swiss name book online <http://hls-dhs-dss.ch/famn/index.php>
- FamilySearch "How-to" Guides.Appenzell Ausserrhoden online digitized records

Maps and Atlases

- Switzerland Road Atlas 1:301,000 Hallwag Kümmerly + Frey ISBN: 3259015159 /3-259-01515-9
- Swiss Navigator Cities Street Atlas, indexed with street plans for cities and villages. ISBN: 3259015167 / 3-259-01516-7
- Language map for Switzerland . http://athena.unige.ch/athena/helvetia/ch_lang.html
- Karte: Schweiz - map search <http://map.search.ch>
- Online interactive Swiss maps <https://map.geo.admin.ch/>
- <https://www.ortsnamen.ch> locate your town and street

Parish and Civil Registration Addresses

- Civil Registration Offices <http://www.hochzeitsportal.ch/index.asp?aktion=standesaemter>
- Parish addresses
http://www.hochzeitsportal.ch/index.asp?aktion=kirchen&kirchen_id=53&kanton_id=0&ofset=
- http://www.weesen.ch/dl.php/de/0cvo8-t4pgw9/ZVA_Liste_2008.pdf Civil Registration Offices 2008 PDF
- Catholic Church Website <http://www.thecatholicdirectory.com/index.cfm?worldmap=true>
- <http://www.ref-ag.ch/> Canton Aargau Reformed Churches
- <http://www.kathaargau.ch/kirche-vor-ort/kirchgemeinden/index.php> Canton Aargau Catholic Church

Websites

- Helpful site for Canton Graubünden. <http://www.mindspring.com/~philipp/che.html>
- Aargau gazetteer https://wiki.familysearch.org/en/images/3/36/Aargau_Gazetteer.pdf
- State archives Aargau https://www.ag.ch/de/startseite_portal/startseite_portal.jsp
- Map of Switzerland and Swiss cantons - Carte de Suisse et des cantons
http://www.ey.ch/swissgen/map_m.htm
- Canton Basel Community Website <http://www.baselland.ch/Gemeinden.273740.0.html>
- Canton Bern State Archive
<http://www.sta.be.ch/sta/de/index/staatsarchiv/staatsarchiv.html#originRequestUrl=www.be.ch/staatsarchiv>
- Canton Freiburg State Archive <http://www.fr.ch/aef>
- Swiss genealogy cantons <http://www.genealogienetz.de/reg/CH/kanton-m.htm>
- FamilySearch online records
<https://familysearch.org/search/collection/list?page=1&countryId=1927039>
<http://kunden.ey.ch/swissgen/schweiz-en.html> Swiss Genealogy on the Internet, site
- Family Name Books for Switzerland <http://hls-dhs-dss.ch/famn/index.php>
- <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~chewgw/> Swiss Genweb
- <http://wiki-de.genealogy.net/Schweiz> GenWiki at Genealogy.net

Civil Registration Beginning Dates

- 1798 Geneva
- 1821 Vaud
- 1825 Neuchâtel
- 1827 Basel-Land
- 1836 Solothurn
- 1849 Fribourg
- 1849 Glarus
- 1849 Schaffhausen
- 1853 Valais
- 1855 Ticino
- 1867 St. Gallen

- 1876 Remaining cantons

Swiss Historical Timeline

1291	Foundation of the Swiss Confederation
1484-1531	Swiss Reformation began in Zurich
Early 1500's	First church records begin
1535	Anabaptist and Mennonite movements after 1535 began in the rural areas
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1803-15	Civil War brings Helvetic Republic to an end and Napoleon confirms Swiss borders and neutrality
1815-30	Loose confederacy reestablished with 22 cantons
1817	Emigration of 3000 Swiss to North and South America
1838	Church records have standardized columnar entries
1874	Final point of struggle between church and state on basic rules of society Marriage, birth and death certificates controlled by state authorities instead of church
1882-83	13,500 Swiss emigrate to US, Argentina, Canada and Brazil
1914-18	World War I, Swiss neutrality
1918-1933	Economic crisis and inner conflicts
1918	Women allowed to vote
1933-39	Hitler seen as a danger to Swiss neutrality
1939-45	World War II
1979	Canton Jura separates from Canton Bern